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Tour of the Anza Homeland

By Don Garate

During the first two weeks of October this year, a group of Anza Society members and their friends toured the homeland of the ancestors of Captain Juan Bautista de Anza in the Basque Country of northern Spain and southern France. Although the group saw many interesting sites and monuments in the history of Spain and the New World, their focus was Captain Anza, beginning with the earliest known places where his ancestors lived, and culminating with the house where his father, also named Juan Bautista de Anza, was born and the house where his sister, Gregoria, died.

After flying to Barcelona and taking a day there to see the sites, including the place where Columbus reported to Isabel and Fernando on the return



One of many meals enjoyed with various members of the Anza family



One of the Anza family farms. This one is located in the Pyrenees above Zisa, France (to the right) and Hernani, Spain (to the left)

from his first trip to the New World, the Anza tour actually began in Pamplona. Driving from there by bus up over the Pyrenees into present-day France, they visited the ancient pass known to the Basques as Orreaga, but more commonly known to the rest of the world as Roncesvalles. There in the year 778, the Basques, which included ancestors of Juan Bautista de Anza, massacred the rear guard of Charlemagne who had just ransacked Pamplona on his return from Zaragoza.

From Orreaga it is only a short distance down the mountain on the French side to the

community of Zisa/Donibane-Garazi (known in French as St. Jean Pied-de-Port), where the Anza name actually came into being. There the group met six members of the present-day Anza family who took them on a tour of the ancient walled village with the beautiful Errobi River flowing through the center of it.

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National Park Service

From the Superintendent



Stanley C. Bond

Multiple Projects and Additional Staff for 2008

Several new projects are planned for this year. To enhance our interpretive story, research is being conducted on 18th century folk life in the Sinaloan and Sonoran towns where the Anza Expedition members were recruited. At several locations along the Anza Trail route, interpretive wayside exhibits will be developed and installed. Recently, we received notification of funding from the Arizona Department of Transportation's Highways Enhancement grant program. These funds will be used to complete our introductory video and place interpretive panels in five Arizona Highway rest areas.

Our recently approved 2008 budget allows us to hire a full-time employee to work exclusively with trail partners and manage the volunteer program. Due to our current limited staffing levels, many of you along the 1200-mile trail have felt neglected. This new position will assist in accomplishing your goals. In addition, we will be using NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program personnel to work with partner groups in specific locations to enhance trail planning. Our primary focus this year will be in Arizona's Santa Cruz County, and California's Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties. Funds from President Bush's Centennial Initiative will fund at least two additional seasonal positions.

Thanks to everyone for all of your hard work. Without you there would not be an Anza Trail. I hope to see as many of you as possible over the next year.

Happy Trails! ❖

Conferences, Symposiums & Training

California Cultural & Heritage Tourism Council 4th Annual Symposium

January 9-11, 2008 Monterey, CA

The theme this year is "Preserve & Protect the Resources in Your Community: Becoming a Preserve America Community." For more details regarding the event or to become a sponsor, please contact Joshua Sellers at (916) 319-5409. To register, visit <http://www.visitcalifornia.com/cultureCA>.

Balance Nature and Commerce in Communities that Neighbor Public Lands

January 28-31, 2008 Woodstock, VT

Cosponsored by The Conservation Fund, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the NPS Conservation Study Institute. For details, contact Nora Mitchell, Director, NPS Conservation Study Institute, 54 Elm St., Woodstock, VT 05091, (802) 457-3368 x17, or visit www.nps.gov/csi.

2008 Arizona Archaeology & Heritage Expo

March 1-2, 2008 Tucson, AZ

The Expo will kick off a month of statewide awareness events focusing on the theme "Share Our Dirt!" Organized by the State Preservation Office, Arizona State Parks. FREE. (602) 542-7138

13th Annual Anza Society World Conference

March 6-8, 2007 Santa Barbara, CA

Conference will be held at the Santa Barbara Presidio Chapel at 123 East Canon Perdido Street. Cost is \$75. For additional information on events and lodging, visit www.anzasociety.org/Calendar.html

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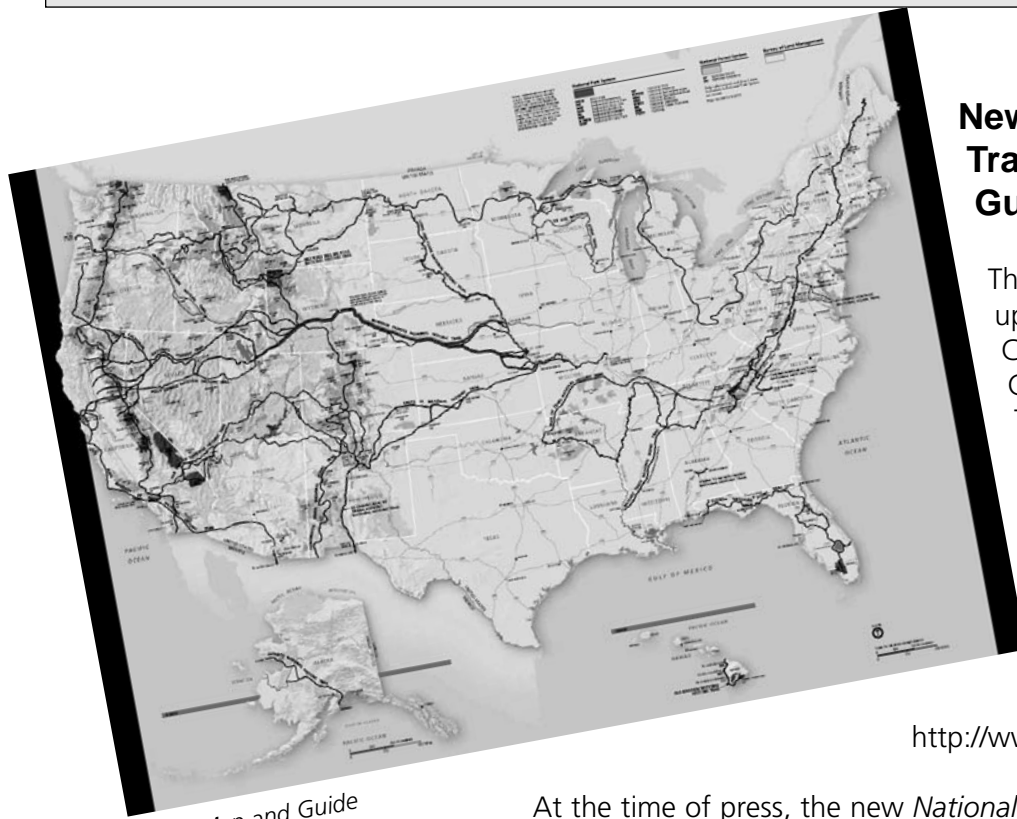
Anza Trail Exhibit Planning

Exhibit design firm, Van Sickle & Roller, Ltd., conducted a series of community focus groups at the end of October and beginning of November in the San Francisco Bay Area. Each group provided valuable information on their perspectives and ideas regarding the 1776 Anza Expedition story and the exhibit being planned.

The design is for the first exclusive Anza Trail exhibit and it will be installed in the Martinez Adobe at John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez, CA. Once the exhibit is designed, a fabricator will be selected to build the exhibit.



Martinez Adobe at John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez, CA



2004 Map and Guide

New Reprint of National Trails System Map and Guide

The 2004 version was updated to add the new Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail. This is the first water oriented trail in the system and is located on the Chesapeake Bay and nearby shorelines in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and District of Columbia. For more information, visit

<http://www.nps.gov/cajo/>.

At the time of press, the new *National Trail System Map and Guide* was not available as a PDF on-line. For updates, visit the Harpers Ferry Center website at <http://www.nps.gov/hfc/carto/nps-trails.htm>.

Tour of the Anza Homeland

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The Errobi River flowing through the communities of Zisa and Donibane-Garazi in the province of Benaflaroa, France where the Anza name came into being

Traveling down to the coast, following the migration of the ancient Anzas out of the mountains, the group visited Biarritz on the French side and Irun and Hondarrabia on the Spanish side, towns filled with early Anza history.

In the days that followed, the Anza travelers visited several villages where Anza ancestors had



In Zisa with the Anza family, left to right: Don Garate, José Luis Anza, Victoriano Anza, José Anza, Loli Garmendia (José Luis' wife), and María Liceaga Anza

lived, and descendants still live. They also visited several Anza'en basseriak, or Anza family farms, on the Spanish side of the Pyrenees, some of

which are still owned and operated by family members. Although the group journeyed up to the town of Oñate, where another famous New World explorer, Cristóbal de Oñate was born, to view records signed by Juan Bautista de Anza's grandfather, Antonio Anza, that are housed in the provincial archive there, they were unable to see them due to the Cider Festival that was being held there that day. The day was not a loss, however, as, in addition to Oñate, they were able to visit the ancient shrine of Aránzazu and the ancient home of Iñigo

Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. And, of course, everywhere they went they engorged themselves on that fabulous Basque cooking that is known all over Spain.



Claudio and Ramón Anza conversing in the doorway of Claudio's farmhouse in the mountains above Hernani while the tour group listens in. Claudio is 87 years old and still operating the family farm.



Urumea River Valley where Captain Anza's father was born and raised, as it looks today

One of the highlights of the trip was visiting the house where Anza's father was born in 1693 on Kale Nagusia (Main Street) in the town of Hernani, province of Gipuzkoa, Spain. Captain Anza's grandfather, Antonio Anza, owned and operated a pharmacy there in the late 1600's until his death in 1723, nearly a dozen years after his father had migrated to New Spain. The earliest

record of the three-story stone house shows Anza's great, great grandfather, Martín Anza, owning it as early as 1629. For those interested in visiting it today, it is now a tavern, house #15, on the corner of Kale Nagusia and the cross street running from Santa Barbara to the Karabel Bridge in the ancient walled portion of Hernani.



Travelers to the Anza Homeland. Kneeling in front: Tina Riordan. Front row: Ben Arias, Diana Arias, Sharleen Cole, Jann Kemp, Linda Rushton, Margie Fullen, Lou Fullen, Ashley Riordan. Back row: Don Garate, Joseph Barnes, Peter Cole. Not pictured: Lois Jinenez, Arlene Haywood.

The group also visited the Vildósola basseri near Elejabeitia, Bizkaia where Anza's sister, Gregoria died in 1800, the last of his generation to pass on. She had married Gabriel de Vildósola in Sonora and had gone back to the old country with her husband and family, the same year that Juan Bautista de Anza led the colonists to San Francisco. Although Juan Bautista de Anza and his wife never had any children, it is descendants of his mother and father, or nieces and nephews of his (in the eighth and ninth generation) who still own the Vildósola family farm.

Although the trip was fast and short, those who went were treated to beautiful sites, fabulous food, and hundreds of years of Anza ancestral history. ❖

Along the Trail

Presidio Teacher's Night: San Francisco, CA October 4

The Presidio Trust, National Park Service, and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy hosted this annual event with the theme "Hidden in Plain Sight: Archaeology at Your Feet." Hundreds of teachers from around the San Francisco Bay Area attended the free event to learn about local educational programs available to their students from 30 different organizations. Great success!

Anza Days: Tubac, AZ October 21 & 22



Anza party arrives from Tumacácori

Tubac Presidio State Historic Park hosted Anza Days 2007. The event focused on the 1700's Native American and Spanish Culture. The entry fees were waived due to the co-sponsors

(Anza Trail Coalition, Rio Rico Homes and Land, Inc., Innovative Homes, Inc., All Seasons Development, Inc., Rio Rico Properties, Inc., and Brasher Real Estate, Inc.). Thanks for a great event!

Trail Party: Santa Cruz County, AZ November 3 & 25

Volunteers with the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona groomed the entire trail section between Rio Rico drive north to the railroad culvert. The crew pruned, groomed, and mowed the trail. Their hard work resulted in the best shape this section has ever been in. A big thank you to the Boy Scouts of America Troop 555 for their helping hands and smiles!

Two foot bridges were installed near the Tubac Golf Resort (20 ft over the river and 16 ft over tributary created from past monsoon). There has never been a reliable foot bridge crossing the Santa Cruz River from east to west. The team also cut a trail about a quarter mile to the North, inside the Resort, installing trail markers, pruning, and cut the canopy



Mike Burns and Bill Kuder installing new bridge

to allow for the horseback riders. Many thanks to the trail bosses who prepped for this trail party by pre-drilling all the lumber, marking the trail, fabricating supports and hauling all of the components to the site the morning of the party.

San Jose's Birthday: San Jose, CA November 29

Los Californianos honored the small group of brave, optimistic, and dedicated families that started the first Alta California Pueblo in 1777. The event was at the Peralta Adobe. Mayor Reed was presented a map of the Bay Area showing San Francisco and San Jose.

La Fiesta de Tumacácori: Tumacácori, AZ December 1 & 2

La Fiesta at Tumacácori NHP was preceded by a rain and wind storm across southern Arizona the night before the event.



Kids playing Anza Trail game with Margaret Styles

But spirits were not dampened by nature's fury. On Sunday, the fiesta grounds were packed with visitors, performers, artists, demonstrators, and community groups. Great job!

Leave No Child Inside Photo Contest

Photos of nature and children enjoying outdoor environments are being sought for Arizona Parks and Recreation's "Leave No Child Inside" photo contest. Start taking pictures today as entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2008!



The purpose of the "Leave No Child Inside" theme is to encourage parents to take their children to National, State, County and City parks to enjoy nature and recreate in Arizona's natural areas. According to Richard Louv's testimony to the department of the Interior in February, "In just a few decades, the way children understand and experience their neighborhoods and the natural world has changed radically. Even as children become more aware of global threats to the environment, their physical contact, their intimacy with nature, is fading."

But another danger that conservationists see is that since 1970, undergraduate enrollment in conservation and natural resource programs fell by half according to a professor at Utah State's College of Natural Resources. Idealistic, outdoor-oriented young adults used to be drawn to government careers in conservation, but that trend is fading and the brain drain of boomers and enthusiasm for protection of the environment will drain away.

You can help re-energize the effort to get children outdoors by participating in this photo contest! Prizes will be awarded for the best photos. Categories for photos include Urban Experience, Leave No Inner Child Inside, Kids and Critters and Most Unique Experience. Photos will be displayed at the 2008 Arizona Parks and Recreation Conference at the Camelback Inn in August 2008. Submitted photographs must be 4x6 and may be either color or black and white. For details on the photo contest visit www.azpra.org or call (602) 335-1962. ❖



ANUNCIOS

January

26 **Plein Air Artists "Paints Out": Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, AZ**

8:00 a.m.-noon

Artists are welcome to set up their easels and paint their impression of the park. This is one of several venues planned for the year throughout the Arizona State Park system. For more information, call (602) 542-7119, or visit www.azstateparks.com

(NPS Anza Trail staff present)

25-27 **Los Californianos Quarterly Meeting: San Luis Obispo, CA**

For more information, visit www.loscalifornianos.org.

February

No Anuncios

"Anza en Calabazas" is being planned for the spring. No date at time of printing.

March

6-8 **Anza Society World Conference: Santa Barbara, CA**

More information available on page 2 under "Conferences, Symposiums & Training"

1-31 **Native-Spanish Contact Commemorative Event: Alameda County, CA**

Learn about the various perspectives surrounding the initial historical contacts between the local Native Peoples and the Spanish explorers of the mid- 1700's. Events, exhibits, activities, lectures, and living history programs are scheduled throughout the month at various locations. For more information and an up-to-date schedule, visit www.vinapafoundation.org.

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View from the Anza Trail



Ribbon-cutting at the new Anza Multi-Use Path in Pima County, AZ. This 5.3 mile section was dedicated at the Elephant Head Rd staging area on Friday, December 14, 2007. It passes through open country along the Santa Cruz River Valley and near the location of the historic October 23, 1775 Canoa camp site the first night out from Tubac. Pima County Supervisors Richard Elias (Chairman), Sharon Bronson, and Raymond Carroll participated in the event. The project was funded by Pima County Historic Preservation Bonds and a Transportation Enhancement Grant from the Arizona Department of Transportation. Interpretive panels will be added in the future.